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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of **Gianni GUALA** entitled

**A FLAT FILTER FOR VENTING GAS INTRAVENOUS MEDICAL  
LINES**

Assignee: **INDUSTRIE BORLA S.P.A**

Our Ref.: **Q78119**

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 9 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and 3 sheets of drawings.

Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

**Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	<u>5</u> - 20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$9.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$43.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee							<u>\$385.00</u>

**TOTAL FEE**

**\$385.00**

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$385.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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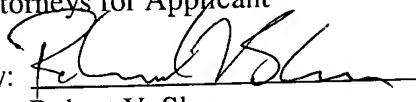
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
ITALY	TO2002A000912	October 21, 2002

The priority document will be submitted at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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